

AMENDMENTS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1-20 (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for supplying information, comprising:
distributing a plurality of information web pages across a plurality of servers;

and

~~providing a redirection web page for each information web page;~~
wherein each information web pages includes an indirect link to another information web page, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page and that redirection web page including an instruction to redirect a client terminal to that other information web page; and

selectively serving a redirection web page for each information web page to a client terminal, wherein a redirection web page for a particular information web page is selectively served to the client terminal following a selection of an indirect link to the selected information web page.

22. (currently amended) The method of Claim 21, further comprising:

~~a first server~~ presenting a first information web page of the plurality of information web pages to a client terminal;

receiving a request from the client terminal for a second information web page of the plurality of information web pages from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information web pages;

determining if a ~~second~~ server hosting the second information web page is operational; and

wherein selectively serving comprises, if the server hosting the second information web page is determined to be operational, returning to the client terminal the redirection web page for the second web page, the returned redirection web page including an instruction for redirecting the client terminal to the second information web page if the second server is determined to be operational.

23. (currently amended) The method of Claim 22, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the ~~second~~ server hosting the second information web page is determined to be unavailable.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein returning an error message includes directing the client terminal to an error handling object.

25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes an error message.

26. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes a redirection command.

27. (currently amended) The method of Claim 22, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the ~~second~~ server hosting the second information web page.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 27, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the servers.

29. (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

30. (cancelled).

31. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising wherein providing a redirection web page for each information web page includes providing a central server to host the redirection web pages, the central server being the an initial target for requests made for each information web page .

32. (currently amended) An information server system comprising
a plurality of servers, each hosting a different information web page;
a redirection web page corresponding to ~~for~~ each information web page, wherein each redirection web page includes an instruction to redirect a client terminal to the corresponding web page;

wherein each information web page includes an indirect link to another information web page, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page. .

33. (currently amended) The system of Claim 32:

further comprising a central server operable to receive a request for an information web page from a client terminal, determine if a one of the plurality of servers hosting the requested information web page is operational, and to return ~~pass~~ the request to a redirection web page corresponding to the requested information web page if the server hosting the requested information web page is determined to be operational; and

wherein the redirection web page corresponding to the requested information web page is operable to cause the return ~~an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the requested~~ the requested information web page.

34. (currently amended) The system of Claim 33:

further comprising a centralized database storing a status of each of said servers; and

wherein the central server is operable to access the centralized database to determine whether a selected one of the plurality of servers hosting information objects [web pages] is operational.

35. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message in response to the request of the information web page if the server hosting the requested information web page is determined not to be operational.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message by directing the client terminal to an error handling web page .

37. (previously presented) The system of Claim 36, wherein the error handling web page includes an error message.

38. (previously presented) The system of claim 36, wherein said error handling web page includes a redirection command.

39. (previously presented) The system of Claim 34, wherein the central server is operable to maintain the central database by periodically updating a status of each of the plurality of servers that host the information web pages .

40. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 39, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

41. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 32, wherein the central server hosts the redirection web pages .

42. (cancelled)

43. (currently amended) A method of ~~providing~~ supplying a website, comprising the steps of:

hosting a plurality of information web pages on a plurality of distinct web servers;
and

hosting a plurality of redirection web pages on a central web server;
wherein each information web page includes an indirect link to another information web page, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page, wherein that redirection web page includes an instruction for redirecting a client terminal to that other information web page.

44. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, further comprising:

a first web server presenting a first information web page of the plurality of information web pages to a client terminal;

receiving ~~from the client terminal~~ a request for a second information web page of the plurality of information web pages from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information web page;

determining if a second web server hosting the second information is operational; and

returning, if the second web server is determined to be operational, to the client terminal the redirection web page for the second information web page, that redirection web page including an instruction for redirecting the client terminal to the second information web page ~~if the second web server is determined to be operational.~~

45. (previously presented) The method of Claim 44, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the second web server is determined to be unavailable.

46. (previously presented) The method of Claim 44, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each web server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the second web server.

47. (previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the web servers.

48. (previously presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.